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SUBJ: NARCOTIC PROGRAM - HIGHLANDS RESEARCH STATION

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1. STAFF WORK PROCEEDING ON HIGHLANDS RESEARCH STATION. NOW REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN DESIGN THIS PROJECT. WE VISUALIZE FOUR-MAN TEAM FOR 30 TO 45 DAYS IN-COUNTRY IN ADDITION TO PRELIMINARY PREPARATION. REQUIRED TEAM COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRESENT OR FORMER LAND GRANT COLLEGE EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTOR AS TEAM LEADER.

B. RESEARCH AGRONOMIST IN FIELD CROPS AND SOILS.

C. RESEARCH HORTICULTURIST.

D. PLANT INTRODUCT ON SPECIALIST.
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2. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. REVIEW ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CROPS RESEARCH ABOVE 1,000 METERS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS. THIS TASK WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE U. S. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR THAILAND.

B. REVIEW AND ASSESS SITUATION IN THAILAND AFFECTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGHLANDS RESEARCH STATION.

C. MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

1) THE CROPS OR CLASSES OF CROPS TO BE RESEARCHED INITIALLY AND SPECIALIZED FIELDS OF RESEARCH TO BE COVERED.

2) THE NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THAI STAFF REQUIRED TO DO THE RESEARCH BY SPECIFIC TECHNICAL FIELD.

3) THE NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS OF COOPERATING AMERICAN STAFF REQUIRED - (A) FULL TIME AND (B) SHORT-TERM (LESS THAN ONE YEAR), PROGRAMMED OVER THREE TO FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

4) THE NECESSARY CONFIGURATION OF PHYSICAL FACILITIES -- LAND AND BUILDING -- REQUIRED FOR THE RESEARCH PROGRAM AND FOR ACCOMMODATING THAI AND AMERICAN RESEARCH STAFF, AND AN ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR REACHING THIS TARGET.

5) THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT THE RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH ANNUAL TIME PHASING.

D. COMMENT ON THE THAI ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING A HIGHLANDS RESEARCH STATION AN EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE INSTITUTION.

E. COMMENT AND/OR MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF DEVELOPING A HIGHLANDS RESEARCH CAPABILITY IN THAILAND AS REQUESTED BY THE RTG OR AS IDENTIFIED BY THE TEAM AS IMPORTANT ISSUES.

3. FURTHER BACKGROUND FOR TEAM GUIDANCE.

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A. RESEARCH STATION EVENTUALLY TO INCLUDE LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, OTHER TECHNICAL SPECIALTIES, AND ECONOMIC/SOCIAL/CULTURAL RESEARCH CAPABILITY RELATED TO POPULATIONS RESIDING AND FARMING ABOVE 1,000 METERS IN NORTH THAIALDN. HOWEVER, INITIAL WORK WILL CONCENTRATE ON PLANT INTRODUCTION AND TESTING AND ON AGRONOMIC/HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH. DESIGN TEAM WOULD FOCUS ON THIS INITIAL PHASE AND ASSIST RTG IN WORKING OUT FIVE TO TEN YEAR PROGRAM.

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B. HIGHLANDS RESEARCH STATION WILL BE PART OF A LARGER RESEARCH SYSTEM IN NORTH THAILAND AND SHOULD BE DESIGNED FIT INTO THIS SYSTEM.

C. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN BY TEAM AND RTG COUNTERPARTS TO TECHNOLOGICAL DELIVERY SYSTEM, I.E., EXTENSION PROGRAM THAT WILL UTILIZE RESEARCH RESULTS. HOWEVER, CREATING THIS DELIVERY SYSTEM NOT A PART OF HIGHLANDS RESEARCH PROJECT.

4. MISSION HAS NOT RECEIVED
FIRM REQUEST FROM RTG BUT EXPECT
TO SOON. APPRECIATE AID/W BEGINNING EXPLORATION TEAM STAFFING POSSIBILITIES.

5. UNFDAC, USDA, USOM, EMBASSY AND OTHER PERSONNEL AVAILABLE ASSIST TEAM WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED IN THAILAND. ALSO SUGGEST THAT POTENTIAL TEAM MEMBERS BE REFERRED TO TOAID A 177, APRIL 18, 1973 AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE AID/W.

6. ADVISE FEASIBILITY OF FUNDING UNDER TAB CENTRALLY FUNDED CONTRACT, USING NARCS FUNDS. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE AND/OR APPROPRIATE REQUEST DOLLAR BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF OBLIGATION IN FY 1974.
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